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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers**

**Board on Coastal Engineering Research**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Board on Coastal Engineering Research. This meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The Board on Coastal Engineering Research will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on August 9, 2016, and reconvene from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on August 10, 2016. The Executive Session of the Board will convene from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on August 11, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** All sessions will be held at the Caribe Hilton San Cristobal Jr. Ballroom 1 San Geronimo Street, San Juan, PR 00907. All sessions, including the Executive Session are open to the public. For more information about the Board, please visit <http://www.erdc.usace.army.mil/Media/Fact-Sheets/Fact-Sheet-Article-View/Article/740763/usace-coastal-engineering-research-board/>

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** COL Bryan S. Green Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center,

Waterways Experiment Station, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180-6199, phone 601-634-2513, or *Bryan.S.Green@usace.army.mil*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR § 102-3.150. The Board on Coastal Engineering Research provides broad policy guidance and reviews plans for the conduct of research and the development of research projects in consonance with the needs of the coastal engineering field and the objectives of the U.S. Army Chief of Engineers.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* The theme of the meeting is “A Systems Approach along Heterogeneous Coasts.” The purpose of the meeting is to identify research and technical capabilities required to integrate a patchwork of natural, urban, and partially developed coasts in a narrow shelf island environment to maximize value and minimize risk. Puerto Rico is a testbed to understanding the coupling between an inland watershed and coastal processes and hazards.

*Agenda:* On Tuesday morning, August 9, 2015, panel presentations will deal with Puerto Rico State of the Coast. Presentations will include Puerto Rico’s Coastal Risk Challenges, Puerto Rico Water Resources Infrastructure Challenges, and Regional Sediment Management (RSM) Challenges on the Highly Variable North Shoreline (A Primer for the Field Trip). There will be an optional field trip Tuesday afternoon, which is open to the public. It includes a

bus tour to Piñones and a presentation on Variable Morphology and Associated Challenges and a tour to Loíza with a presentation on Work Done to Date, RSM Challenges, and Research Needs.

On Wednesday morning, August 10, 2016, the Board will reconvene to discuss Addressing Coastal Research Challenges. Presentations will include Challenges Characterizing Heterogeneous Coasts; Generation 2 Coastal Risk Model; Project Impacts Due to Deficient Processes Models; Puerto Rico Modeling Testbed, Waves, Surge, and Coral Reefs; State of Knowledge and Capability for Urban Flood Modeling; Modeling Storm Surge in Puerto Rico; and Integrated Watershed Infrastructure Interdependencies. Wednesday afternoon session continues with the Addressing Coastal Research Challenges panel. Presentations include Application of USACE Modeling Tools in Puerto Rico; CARICOOS: Ocean Observing in Support of Coastal Engineering and Navigation; Artificial Reef Systems in High Energy Environments; Coastal Dune Research; and Integrated Federal Coastal Nearshore Processes Research Implementation Plan.

The Board will meet in Executive Session to discuss ongoing initiatives and future actions on Thursday morning, August 11, 2016.

*Meeting Accessibility:* Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR §§ 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and subject to the availability of space, the meeting is open to the public. Because seating capacity is limited, advance registration is required. For registration requirements please see below.

Oral participation by the public is scheduled for 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2016. The Caribe Hilton Hotel is fully handicap accessible. For additional information about public access procedures, please contact COL Bryan S. Green, the Board's DFO, at the email address or telephone number listed in the "**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**" section.

*Registration:* It is encouraged for individuals who wish to attend the meeting of the Board to register with the DFO by email, the preferred method of contact, no later than July 29, using the electronic mail contact information found in the "**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**" section. The communication should include the registrant's full name, title, affiliation or employer, email address, and daytime phone number. If applicable, include written comments or statements with the registration email.

*Written Comments and Statements:* Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.015(j) and 102-3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the FACA, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the Board, in response to the stated agenda of the open meeting or in regard to the Board's mission in general. Written comments or statements should be submitted to COL Bryan S. Green, DFO, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the "**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**" section. Each page of the comment or statement must include the author's name, title or affiliation, address, and daytime phone number. The DFO will review all submitted written comments or statements and provide them to members of the Board for their consideration. Written comments or statements being submitted

in response to the agenda set forth in this notice must be received by the DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting to be considered by the Board. The DFO will review all timely submitted written comments or statements with the Board Chairperson and ensure the comments are provided to all members of the Board before the meeting. Written comments or statements received after this date may not be provided to the Board until its next meeting.

*Verbal Comments:* Pursuant to 41 CFR § 102-3.140d, the Board is not obligated to allow a member of the public to speak or otherwise address the Board during the meeting. Members of the public will be permitted to make verbal comments during the Board meeting only at the time and in the manner described below. If a member of the public is interested in making a verbal comment at the open meeting, that individual must submit a request, with a brief statement of the subject matter to be addressed by the comment, at least five business days in advance to the Board's DFO, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the "**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**" section. The DFO will log each request, in the order received, and in consultation with the Board Chair, determine whether the subject matter of each comment is relevant to the Board's mission and/or the topics to be addressed in this public meeting. A 30-minute period near the end of the meeting will be available for verbal public comments. Members of the public who have requested to make a verbal comment, and whose comments have been deemed relevant under the process described above, will be allotted no more

than five minutes during this period, and will be invited to speak in the order in which their requests were received by the DFO.

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